

REMARKS

The present Amendment is in response to the Examiner's Office Action mailed January 11, 2005. Claims 16-20 are withdrawn and claims 1, 4, 6 and 8 are amended. Claims 1-15 are now pending in view of the above amendments.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments to the claims and the following remarks. For the Examiner's convenience and reference, Applicant's remarks are presented in the order in which the corresponding issues were raised in the Office Action.

Please note that the following remarks are not intended to be an exhaustive enumeration of the distinctions between any cited references and the claimed invention. Rather, the distinctions identified and discussed below are presented solely by way of example to illustrate some of the differences between the claimed invention and the cited references. In addition, Applicant requests that the Examiner carefully review any references discussed below to ensure that Applicants understanding and discussion of the references, if any, is consistent with the Examiner's understanding.

I. Amended Drawings

The Examiner objects to Figure 1 on the grounds that the figure does not include a "Prior Art" legend. Applicant submits new Figure 1 which includes the "Prior Art" legend. Also enclosed is a redlined copy of Figure 1 showing the change being made.

II. Allowed Subject Matter

The Examiner's allowance of claims 9-15 is appreciated. Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the careful review and allowance of those claims.

The Applicant submits the following comments concerning the Examiner's statements of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter in the Office Action. Applicant agrees with the Examiner that the claimed invention of claims 9-15 is patentable over the prior art, but respectfully disagrees with the Examiners statement of reasons for allowance as set forth in

Office Action. Applicant submits that it is the claim as a whole, rather than any particular limitation, that makes each of the claims allowable. No single limitation should be construed as the reason for allowance of a claim because it is each of the elements of the claim that makes it allowable. Therefore, Applicant does not concede that the reasons for allowable subject matter given by the Examiner are the only reasons that make, or would make, the claims allowable and do not make any admission or concession concerning the Examiner's statement in the Office Action.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 1, 4, 6 and 8 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the informalities presented on page 3 of the Office Action. In response, Applicant has rewritten claims 1, 4, 6 and 8 so as to overcome the noted informalities. As acknowledged by the Examiner, claims 1, 4, 6 and 8 are now in a condition for allowance. Moreover, for at least the same reason, claims now depending from claims 1, 4, 6 and 8 – namely, claims 2, 3, 5 and 7 – are also in a condition for allowance.

In summary, claims 1-15 are now pending in view of the above amendments and all are patentably distinct from the prior art. Allowance of each of these claims is respectfully requested.

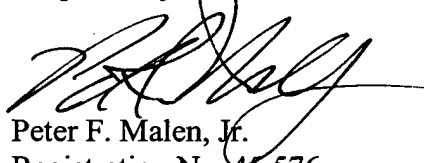
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe the claims as amended are in allowable form. In the event that the Examiner finds remaining impediment to a prompt allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephone interview, or which may be overcome by an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figure 1. This sheet, which includes Figure(s) 1 and 2, replaces the original sheet including Figure(s) 1 and 2. In Figure 1, previously omitted "Prior Art" legend has been added.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

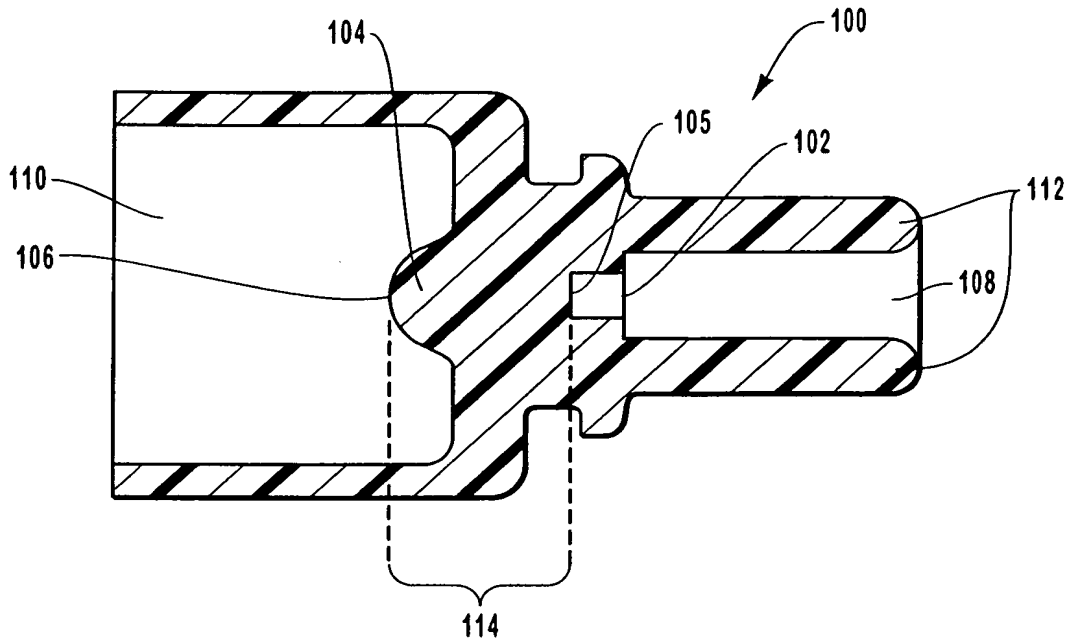


FIG. 1

PRIOR ART

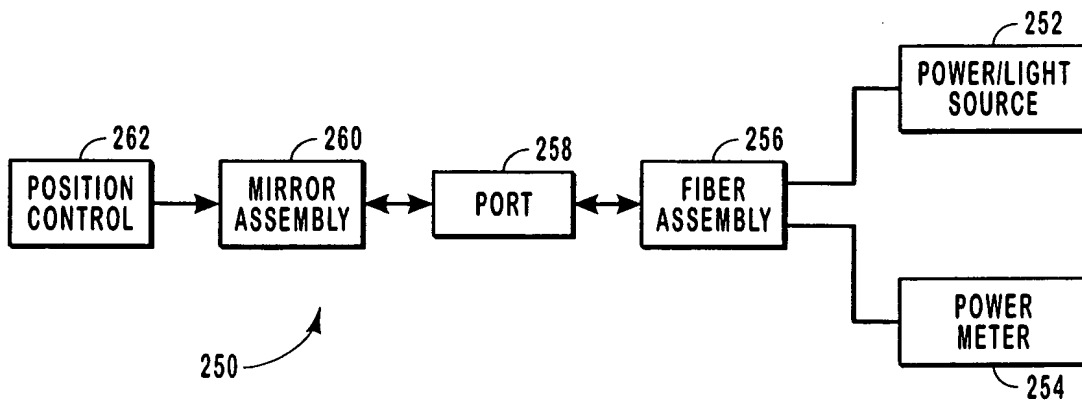


FIG. 2